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SUBJECT: ASAD AND ARAFAT RUMORED TO JOIN SADAT IN
RIYADH VISIT

1. SPECULATION IS RIFE IN CAIRO THAT ASAD AND ARAFAT WILL FLY
TO RIYADH FOR "SUMMIT" MEETING WITH SADAT AND KHALID ON
APRIL 21.

2. LEAD STORY OF AKHBAR'S FIRST EDITION MADE EXACTLY THIS
PREDICTION. SUBSEQUENT EDITIONS DROPPED THIS, HOWEVER, AND
TOGETHER WITH ALL OTHER PAPERS CONFINED THEIR STORIES TO
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SADAT, ACCOMPANIED BY VP MUBARAK AND
MIN HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION OSMAN, WILL ARRIVE MONDAY
IN RIYADH FOR TWO DAY VISIT. SADAT AND KHALID WILL
REPORTEDLY DISCUSS ARAB SITUATION, ME DEVELOPMENTS, AND
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BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: SENIOR GOE OFFICIALS ARE TELLING INQUIRING JOURNALISTS THAT THEY CANNOT CONFIRM WHETHER ASAD WILL GO TO RIYADH. UPI OFFICE HERE HAS TICKER ITEM FROM DAMASCUS SAYING SARG "SOURCES" DO CONFIRM HE WILL GO. GUMHURYIIA'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT ASSERTS THAT THE RIYADH TALKS AIM AT CONSOLIDATING POSITIONS OF THE CONFRONTATION POWERS, AND NOTES THAT KAMAL ADHAM LEFT CAIRO LAST SUNDAY FOR TALKS WITH ASAD IN DAMASCUS.
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